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August 1, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO APPLY FOR THIRTEENTH-YEAR  
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE (DOJ) FOR THE SPOUSAL ABUSER PROSECUTION PROGRAM  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the District Attorney to submit a grant application to the State DOJ for the Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program (SAPP). The grant amount applied for is \$178,186 and there is a required 20 percent match of \$44,547, for a total project cost of \$222,733 covering the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to submit an application for grant funding and, as an agent for the County, to accept and execute a Grant Award Agreement from the State DOJ in the event the application is selected for funding. This also includes authorization to approve any extensions or amendments to the grant award that do not increase net County cost.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On December 13, 2005, your Board approved a Resolution accepting the twelfth year of SAPP grant funding for FY 2005-2006. This will be the thirteenth year the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has applied for grant funding from the State DOJ for this program.

Recent changes to the State DOJ application process requires an executed Resolution prior to the awarding of grant funds.

The SAPP grant allows the department to provide vertical prosecution, investigation, and witness coordination services for the most difficult family violence victim cases.

The Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Authorizing the District Attorney to apply for SAPP grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility by securing an available revenue source at the State level. The program also supports the District Attorney's core mission to vigorously prosecute felony crime throughout the County.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost of the program for FY 2006-07 is \$366,440. The State DOJ has awarded \$178,186, with a required 20 percent match of \$44,547 for a required project cost of \$222,733. Approximately 49 percent of the estimated program cost will be offset by the grant award. The District Attorney's Office will absorb the match of \$44,547, and the remaining program cost of \$143,707.

Funding for this program is included in the department's 2006-07 budget.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In 1994, AB 801 was signed into law authorizing funds to be allocated by the State DOJ for the SAPP. As an integral part of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Family Violence Division, the SAPP staff is highly trained and qualified and works as a team to facilitate the successful prosecution of the most difficult family violence cases. The grant application includes one deputy district attorney, one senior investigator, and one witness assistant II which will be funded by the grant at approximately 49 percent of their total cost, with the District Attorney's Office absorbing the remaining cost.



The following statistical information is provided:

Fiscal Year	Cases Referred	Cases Filed	Cases Tried	Number of Convictions
02-03	46	18	3	16
03-04	65	35	5	33
04-05	62	33	5	26
05-06	86	41	4	29

Please note that not all cases reviewed are filed as felonies, when appropriate they are referred for misdemeanor filing to the proper jurisdiction. Some filed cases are dismissed due to victims not appearing for trial. Many cases are settled by means of plea agreements which result in a conviction without the need for a jury trial.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender and Sheriff's Departments.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to have two (2) adopted Board letters and two (2) Resolutions, containing original signatures available for pick up. Please call Ms. Sheri Ramirez-Garcia of our Contracts and Grants Unit at (213) 202-7667 or Ms. Mozzell Brown at (213) 202-7612 as soon as the documents are available. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Ramirez-Garcia via e-mail at [shramire@lacountyda.org](mailto:shramire@lacountyda.org).

Very truly yours,



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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office**  
**Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

**Department:** District Attorney

**Grant Project Title and Description**

**Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program**

The Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program is a vertical prosecution program that enhances the effort to prosecute and convict individuals for spousal abuser crimes. The program requires highly qualified staff, reduced caseloads, victim counseling and coordination with local victim service organizations.

**Funding Agency**  
State of California  
Department of Justice

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**  
AB801, Chapter 599, Statutes of 1994

**Grant Acceptance Deadline**

Total Amount of Grant Funding: **\$178,186**

County Match: **\$44,547**

Grant Period: **FY 2006 – 2007**

Begin Date: **July 1, 2006** End Date: **June 30, 2007**

Number of Personnel Hired Under this Grant: **3**

Full Time: **3**

Part Time: **0**

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes   X   No       

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes   X   No       

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes        No   X  

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes        No   X  

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes        No   X  

(Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes   X   No       

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

None.

Department Head Signature S.L. Cu Date 7/20/06

1                                   **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
2                                   **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
3                                   **RESOLUTION**

4    Authorize the District Attorney to submit a Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program  
5                                   grant application to the State of California, Department of Justice  
6                                   Pursuant to California Penal Code Chapter 2.5  
7                                   Commencing with Section 273.8 et. Seq.

8                   **WHEREAS**, the County of Los Angeles, Office of the District  
9    Attorney, is authorized, pursuant to Government Code Section 26500.5, to  
10   participate in any project or program to improve the administration of justice; and

11                   **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los  
12   Angeles, accepted twelfth year grant funds on December 13, 2005, from the  
13   State of California, Department of Justice, (hereinafter referred to as DOJ) to  
14   continue efforts by the District Attorney's Office to enhance its Family Violence  
15   Division through the Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program; and

16                   **WHEREAS**, the County of Los Angeles acting through its Board of  
17   Supervisors, desires to continue the Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program by  
18   applying for thirteenth-year grant funds from the State DOJ for the period of July  
19   1, 2006 through June 30, 2007;

20                   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of  
21   Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the District Attorney  
22   to submit an application to the State DOJ for the Spousal Abuser Prosecution  
23   Program.

24                   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should the District Attorney  
25   receive grant funding, the District Attorney is authorized to execute the Grant  
26   Award Agreement on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, including any  
      extensions or amendments thereof;



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant local expenditures previously authorized or controlled by this body.

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles this \_\_\_\_day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

SACHI A. HAMAI,  
Executive Officer-Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY COUNTY COUNSEL:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

By [Signature]  
Deputy